

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following replacement paragraph marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version for the paragraph beginning at page 25, line 20, beginning with the text, "In one embodiment of the present invention, conduit programs . . .," and ending on page 26, line 8, as follows:

--In one embodiment of the present invention, conduit programs are resident on host computer system 56. During synchronization, conduit programs are activated to maintain data pipelines between host computer 56 and PDA 100 during synchronization. The conduits act as gateways between the two devices to drive the data synchronization between PDA 100 and the host computer 56. Each conduit is assigned to each unique pair of corresponding applications on the host computer system and PDA 100. Conduits are described in more detail [[in the]] and are described in the following patents which are hereby incorporated by reference: U.S. Pat. No. 6,000,000 entitled "Extendible Method and Apparatus for Synchronizing Multiple Files on Two Different Computer Systems", issued May 4, 1998; and U.S. Pat. No. 5,884,323 entitled "Extendible Method and Apparatus for Synchronizing Files on Two Different Computer Systems", issued March 16, 1999.--